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HARBOR BOMBARDED BY MUTINIOUS TROOPS

Desperate Fighting in Which Both Sides Lost Heavily--Loyal Troops Retreating--Ir- kutsk Burned and Sacked.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 11.—According to the American this morning, the London Daily Telegraph's advice from Moscow, Japan, telling of the bombardment of Harbin by Russian military machine guns, says also that Irkutsk was burned and sacked. The city is in ruins.
In Harbin the rebels created fearful slaughter.
Gen. Madriloff, commander of the loyal troops, engaged the rebels.
The information brought by British refugees to Mofei tell of desperate fighting accompanied by heavy losses on both sides.
Refugees from eastern Siberia say the mutineers journeyed to Vladivostok on a captured express train.
Seized Vast Military Stores
There, consisting of rifles and cartridges with several field pieces. Then they returned to Harbin and began the bombardment. The rebels included some of the best marksmen in the army. Their shots all told. Bullets raked the main thoroughfares. Even the hospitals were riddled by the rapid fire guns. Patients were killed in their beds.
Irkutsk was sacked from end to end and fired in a dozen places. Rebels marched through the streets singing. The refugees fled to the mountains and villages.
The arrival of Gen. Madriloff was greeted with
Cries of Rage
by the mutineers, who fought with even greater intensity. They had a leader who was handling them with skill. His name is not known.
Many innocent Russian and Chinese residents of Harbin were killed.
A late dispatch from Mofei stated that Madriloff was retreating before the rebels, and Harbin would share the fate of Irkutsk.
A dispatch from Tokyo to London says a Russian destroyer at Vladivostok deliberately ran down a British steamship, which had to ground to avoid foundering. The Japanese residents of Vladivostok are safe from the mutineers, who, however, treasure an intense hatred of the British.
Another Crisis at Hand.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 10.—Another crisis is at hand involving the indefinite prolongation of the strike, the probable precipitation of a general strike throughout Russia and the possible final struggle between the government and the proletariat.
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SARAH BERNHARDT Looks Upon Quebec Affair as a Prank of Some College Youths.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 11.—Speaking of the protests made against her plays during her Canadian tour, Sarah Bernhardt, who arrived here yesterday, said: "It amounted to nothing. It was all a misunderstanding. There is a theatre in Quebec which has been producing a series of degenerate plays. The Archbishop asked that a sermon be preached against these plays. This was done, and some foolish people thought that he meant my plays. The interview published was incorrect. They asked me what I thought about Canada, and I admitted the great progress made agriculturally. I asked them if they could show such progress in literature and art, saying that I had not heard of it. They forgot that I was a question I was asking, and made me say that Canada had no art which was not what I meant."
"She declared that the scene outside the theatre at Quebec was not a serious demonstration. She looked upon it rather as a prank of some college youths."

THE NEW PREMIER AND HIS MINISTER

CABINET HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED

John Burns is Secretary of Local Government Board—Scottish Members Again to Fore.

(Associated Press.)
London, Jan. 10.—The new British cabinet is officially announced as follows:
Prime minister and first lord of the treasury, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.
Chancellor of the exchequer, Herbert Asquith.
Secretary of state for home affairs, Herbert Gladstone.
Secretary for foreign affairs, Sir Edward Grey.
Secretary of the colonies, Earl of Elgin.
Secretary of war, Richard Haldane.
Secretary for India, John Morley.
First lord of admiralty, Baron Tweedmouth.
President of the board of trade, Lloyd George.
Secretary of the local government board, John Burns.
Secretary of state for Scotland, John Sinclair.
Secretary of the board of agriculture, Earl Carrington.
Postmaster general, Mr. Dutton.
Chief secretary for Ireland, James Bryce.
Lord of the council, Earl of Crewe.
Lord of the privy seal, Marquis of Ripon.
President of the board of education, Augustine Birrell.
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Sir Henry Fowler.
Lord high chancellor, Sir R. T. Reid.
The Earl of Aberdeen becomes Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.
ROSSLAND CAMP.
Contract Let for Working Down to 1,750-Foot Level of the Le Roi.

Rossland, Dec. 2.—The contract for the deepening of the mine from the 1,500-foot level of the Le Roi down to the 1,750-foot level was let to-day by Superintendent Trevarrow. The territory between the 1,500 and 1,550 has proved so productive, and such good chances of ore have been found in it, that the management has determined to go to still greater depths in order to uncover the chutes that are supposed to exist there.
In the Centre Shaft the main shaft has been deepened down to the eleven level, and a station is now being cut out at that point, which is 1,575 feet below the collar of the shaft. In this mine, too, the ground between the ninth and tenth levels, and between the tenth and eleventh levels, is said to contain some rich and good-sized ore shoots.
Indeed, the explorations in both these mines in the lower levels have resulted in developments of a most encouraging character, and have added several years to their lives. The intention of the management of the Le Roi should the ground prove as rich as it is expected it will, is to deepen the main shaft from the 1,500-foot level.
The ore shipments for the week were: Le Roi, 1,750 tons; Centre Shaft, 2,500 tons; War Eagle, 1,200 tons; Le Roi Two, 10 tons; Le Roi Two (milled), 1,200 tons; Jambo, 200 tons; total, 6,500 tons. Total for year to date, 30,540 tons.

FREIGHTER UNDAMAGED.

(Associated Press.)
Liverpool, Dec. 11.—The White Star line freight steamer George, which ran ashore here yesterday, has been refloated and docked apparently undamaged.

The C. P. R. steamer Athenian is scheduled to sail for Oriental ports to-day. She has a full cargo, including flour and dog salmon, and the following passengers: A. T. Revenhill, Mrs. F. Knapman, Miss F. Farch, Mrs. T. Haynes and children, C. C. McKee and wife, A. Gun, P. G. Henley-Clayton and wife, J. Crawford, Kong Gow, Chung King, Ng One Sang, C. J. Branham.

IMPRISONED FOR FRAUD.

(Associated Press.)
Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Alonso J. Whiteman, convicted of defrauding the Fidelity Trust Company, of this city, was taken to Auburn prison this morning to serve a sentence of eight years and five months.

A SERVICE HILITANT.

A service Hilitant was allowed for compensation for the loss of one side of his moustache, which reached to the middle of his chest, and which was cut off by a jealous rival.

THE FIGHT FOR METRIC SYSTEM

ITS CHAMPIONS ARE CONFIDENT OF VICTORY

Bill Will be Introduced at Washington This Winter—Agitation in United Kingdom.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 11.—The Herald to-day says: "That the Metric system must supplant that motley crowd of mediaeval survivals the so-called English weights and measures is evident. The battle of the standards is on. Public opinion on both sides of the Atlantic is seeking to overthrow a nation with which for centuries two great nations have been burdened. Leaders of the movement, both here and in Great Britain are co-operating with the same end in view. Whichever country first puts to flight the forces of tradition and prejudice, the other will share the fruits of its victory."
"Efforts will be made this winter by the introduction of a bill at Washington making the use of the metric system compulsory as a means of carrying on the arts, manufactures and commerce. Pressure at the same time is brought upon the British parliament to pass similar legislation and the Decennial Association of Great Britain and other societies are bringing about the needed reforms. The agitation has spread to every part of the island Kingdom and her dependencies. The most eminent men in England, among them the Right Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, are committed to the policy of dispatching the crude formulae of bygone ages with the same and simple metric system. Two hundred and fifty-nine members of parliament are counted as among the advocates of the movement, and so much has the Mr. H. O. Arnold-Forster, has written a book entitled 'The Coming of the Kilogram,' which has focused public attention upon the question.
"American advocates of the system read everywhere augurs of victory for they declare that so much has the method become a part and parcel of the life of the people that the change could be almost in the twinkling of an eye. Every measure standardized by the United States government is based on the metric system, and the inch held dear by the few opponents of the coming system is itself calculated from a metric bar."

MANUFACTURERS FAVOR RECIPROCITY

PETITION WILL BE PRESENTED TO CONGRESS

Illinois Association Points Out That Conditions are Driving Large Concerns to Canada.

(Associated Press.)
Chicago, Dec. 11.—The conditions which are rapidly driving large manufacturing interests from the United States to Canada are to be considered within a few days by the Illinois Manufacturers' Association. Reports just gathered show that 132 of the leading concerns of the country have been obliged, chiefly on account of tariff restrictions, to establish branches in Canada. The resulting loss financially is stated at upwards of \$20,000,000.
The agitation which the Illinois Manufacturers are to start will assume the form of a national appeal to congress. The remedy most in favor locally and throughout the country provides for reciprocity legislation, which will permit of the free exchange of American and Canadian manufactured products. It is likely that congress will be asked during the present session to take some steps in this direction.

TURKO-PERSIAN FRONTIER DISPUTE

TURKS PREPARING TO REFEL INVASION

Governor of Mosul is Calling For Reinforcements to Drive Back Armed Persians.

(Associated Press.)
Constantinople, Dec. 11.—Trouble is threatening on the Turko-Persian frontier at the Vilayet of Mosul, and in the neighborhood of Bayazid, on the frontier. These points have never been exactly delimited. Five thousand armed Persians are now gathered in the Jatra district, southward of Lake Urmiah, and they threaten to invade and take possession of a strip of territory in the Vilayet of Mosul, claimed by Turkey. Two battalions of Ottoman troops with three guns have been dispatched to repel the invasion, and the governor of Mosul is calling for more reinforcements.
A similar situation exists on the frontier in the neighborhood of Bayazid.
VANCOUVER NOTES.
Congregations of Two Baptist Churches Will Amalgamate.
An amalgamation of the congregations of the First Baptist church and the West End Baptist church will take place on the last Sunday of this year. Separate meetings were held by the congregations last week, and resolutions to this end unanimously adopted at each. The terms of amalgamation had previously been arranged by the pastors and officers, and were adopted without dissent.
The name and constitution of the First Baptist church will be adopted by the united congregations and Rev. J. Willard Litch, the pastor of the First church, will be its first pastor. This will unite in one congregation all the Baptists of the West End, and thus enable the denomination to enter more vigorously in the plans for advance in the vicinity. It comes at an opportune time, as the united forces will be behind the movement for the building of the \$35,000 edifice planned to be erected at the corner of Burrard and Nelson streets. The membership of the First church is now 429, and that of the West End church about 75. It is stated that throughout the negotiations Rev. M. L. Ruge, pastor of the West End church, has acted in a most magnanimous manner, being willing to cheerfully step aside for the good of the denomination in the city.

PLATINUM FOUND

On Bear Creek Claim in the Nicola District.
Platinum, which in its refined state is as valuable as gold, has just been discovered in the copper-gold ores of the Bear creek claim, owned by Messrs. W. H. Armstrong and C. P. Law, of Vancouver, in the Nicola district, says the Vancouver Province. "A number of samples of the ore collected at random in the workings yielded the phenomenal return of four ounces of platinum to the ton. The assay was made by Messrs. Baker & Sons, platinum refiners, New York. "The importance of the discovery cannot be overestimated. Hitherto it was known that the precious metal had been encountered in various placer claims on various creeks in the Shillimeneen district, and geologists had frequently advised prospectors to hunt for the metal as a compound with other metals.
"Recently Mr. Law was attracted to the similarity which existed between a specimen of platinum embedded in a piece of quartz found by a Chinaman in Bear creek to the ore in the mining claim. In every respect they were identical. Then Mr. Law had the assay made in New York, with the result above noted. Chinamen, it is claimed, have been nominally washing the creek for years for placer gold, but in reality they were securing platinum in a finely disseminated stage. The ore in the Bear creek mine was recently sampled by Thomas Kiddie, of the Crofton smelter. He found it to contain over 1 per cent. copper, over 20 ounces in silver and nearly 2 ounces in gold per ton.
"This is the first time in the history of mining that platinum ore has been found 'in place,' at least in America. The refined metal is worth \$20 per ounce. The world's production, principally derived from Russia, is about 304,000 ounces per annum."

THE NOBEL PRIZE.

Baroness Von Suttner Rewarded For Work in Cause of Peace.
(Associated Press.)
Christiania, Dec. 10.—Baroness Von Suttner, of Austria, has been adjudged winner of the Nobel prize, presented to the person who has done most during the year to advance the cause of peace.

NEGROES LYNCHED NEGRO.

(Associated Press.)
Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 11.—Jim Green, a negro, was lynched yesterday at Boyle, Miss., by members of his own race. Green has assassinated a negro girl aged eight years. He was captured at Shaw station and returned to the scene of his crime. A posse of negroes took him from his captors and hanged him to a limb of a tree.

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Before he entered upon his argument Mr. Bodwell said that it had occurred to him that there might be a point by which the power to supply water along the pipe line might be limited. He wished to know if in order to furnish water to any one it would be required that these were along the line which proceeded to the primary point of the supply, namely, Esquimalt.
Mr. Bodwell said he had not directed his attention to that phase of it. Proceeding, he said that the tramway company was not the occupiers of the land at the power house in the sense of being resident. The company was in reality in occupation of the land at the power house first in order to get a right to the water.
His Lordship said further the company went into the occupation of the land in compliance with a previous arrangement with the Esquimalt company to receive water.
Quoting from English judgments, Mr. Bodwell contended that in certain cases there was no difference between an artificial and a natural water course in so far as riparian rights were concerned. He argued that water, returned to a channel from an artificial course, was open to the same rights as waters flowing there naturally. Appropriation having been made of water for a purpose a man was not entitled, he thought, to increase the appropriation beyond those needs. Appropriation must meet more than the diverting of water. It applied to that used for beneficial purposes. Cases were cited to show that the diverting of greater quantities than was needed rendered the excess liable to being appropriated for other purposes.
The water below the power house having been allowed to flow into the stream it was subject to appropriation by the city. Connected intimately with the question of the right to appropriate an excess of water stored above the dam.
In the course of a discussion which followed, His Lordship said that while the Water Clauses Act, as originally introduced, did not say directly that rights were to be recognized as having been obtained before the passage of the act, yet it appeared to him that the framers of the act had in view making provision for some who were recognized as having acquired rights before the act.
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Mr. Bodwell proposed to leave reference to provincial cases until after the plaintiffs had presented their side. His Lordship wanted to know if he had looked into the Centre Star case. Mr. Bodwell thought that it did not apply to this case.
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A. P. Luxton, K. C., then began his address on behalf of the plaintiff company. He said the crown grants for all land acquired by the plaintiff company outside of the E. & N. land belt, were given prior to the passing of the Water Clauses Act. The land was therefore held with respect to water privileges according to the law of the time. The crown grant gave the land subject to the reservations that water could be obtained for mining and for farm purposes. His Lordship wanted to know if it was pretended that this crown grant could override the Land Act.
Mr. Luxton said this was not necessary, as the crown grant was in compliance with the Land Act of the time. (His Lordship pointed out that the act provided for a reservation for "mining or other purposes.")
Mr. Luxton thought "other purposes" was intended to relate to mining.
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Mr. Luxton said that as riparian owner of this land the company claimed the right to this water.
Proceeding to describe the conditions at Goldstream, Mr. Luxton said that when the company began work there was very little water flowing through Goldstream in the summer. Lake No. 1 was increased from 25 acres to 30 acres. Of the 135 acres only about 10 was water, the remainder being swamp. No. 2 lake was increased from 27 acres to 141 acres. No. 3 was increased from 2 acres to 212 acres.
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Indians of this reserve near the mouth of the river might not have a claim for the shutting off of this water.
Mr. Luxton thought not, because there was no diminution of the natural flow of water in the winter time.
His Lordship could not see that it could surely be pretended that the company could go to the source of supply and damming the water, make itself the sole judge of whether there was a diminution of water or not.<

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Fresh Disorders at Kronstadt—Mutiny Among Troops in Poland—Mutineers Disarmed.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 8: Night, via Heligoland. The leaders of the striking telegraphers have taken a grasp of the situation, and the telegraph continues practically complete. Cases of attacks on strike breakers are reported, and at Suwalki, middle Russia, strikers fired into a passing mail car.

The sailors of the fourteenth and eighteenth divisions, in which a chronic condition of mutiny has prevailed for some time, were finally surrounded by troops here early to-day and sent on barges to Kronstadt. They had petitions similar to those of the sailors of Libau, Odessa and Sebastopol, for an improvement in the conditions, and being told that they would be transferred to Kronstadt they held a meeting, refused to go until martial law was raised at Kronstadt. Accordingly the admiralty decided to use force.

A court-martial under the presidency of Admiral Tomshchikoff has been appointed to try the Kronstadt mutineers on the charge of armed insurrection.

It is reported that the garrison of Schlüsselburg fortress has practically submitted and that the Ladoga regiment at Lomza, Poland, mutinied recently, but were finally disarmed.

Fired on Mutineers. St. Petersburg, Dec. 9: Fresh disorders are reported from Kronstadt. It is stated that the loyal troops were there obliged to fire on mutineers.

Riots are also reported among the troops returning from Manchuria.

At Suzan, riots are reported to have sacked the railway station.

An Imperial ukase issued to-day contains provincial laws governing the press in general. Censorship of periodicals and illustrated papers is abolished, except in country districts, and punishments for the periodical press is practically abolished. Responsibility for breaches of the press laws must be established in courts of law. The right of the minister of the interior to prohibit publication of the discussion of questions affecting the government is abrogated. The ukase contains a long list of exceptional cases which will entail the proceedings with penalties of conviction ranging from a fine of \$150 to imprisonment or deportation.

Situation at Harbin.

Chefoo, Dec. 9, 6 p.m.—A merchant who arrived to-day from Harbin, via Vladivostok, reports that when he left Harbin nine days ago, the employees of the telegraph lines were on strike, but the military telegraphers were working as usual. He reports the stories of destruction of property by rioters at Harbin as incorrect, though some demonstration was made by persons who wanted to understand the significance of the Emperor's recent proclamations. These demonstrations have not taken the form of riots.

The evacuation of Harbin and other places along the railway continue as

fast as the troops can be transported. Incorrect and exaggerated reports have been published in the foreign papers concerning the situation at Vladivostok. Private letters received by Chefoo merchants who are in continuous communication with Vladivostok fail to reveal any attempt to renew disorders. Steamers are constantly plying between Chefoo and Vladivostok.

There has been no telegraph communication between Chefoo and Siberia. Notwithstanding the reports of revolt among the troops along the Siberian railway, the information available from letters and travellers arriving at Chefoo content to contradict the stories of disturbances and damage to property at Harbin.

EXCITING TIME.

Tender and Freight Steamer Collided in a Fog.

Plymouth, Eng., Dec. 8.—Forty-seven passengers of the American line steamer New York, from New York, December 2nd, had an exciting half hour while landing here to-day. A tender with the passengers and a thousand bags of mail on board collided in a fog with the freight steamer Muggle Hough. The bulwarks of the tender were smashed and several stanchions were carried away but no one was injured, and the passengers were safely landed.

DARING ROBBERS.

Locked Up Two Policemen and Broke Into Bank—Carried Off \$500.

Reading, Mass., Dec. 9.—A gang of masked men entered this town early to-day, captured and locked up the two policemen, who were patrolling the main street, and then forced entrance to the Mechanics bank in the Masonic building, where they blew open a safe with dynamite. They secured four hundred dollars in cash. The robbers were seen by several citizens, and one who lives across the street from the bank exchanged shots with the men left on guard outside the bank. No one was injured, however.

THE ONTARIO TRAGEDY.

Further Details of Farmer's Crime—Used Axe to Murder Wife, Son and Daughter.

Shelburne, Dec. 9.—Further details of the horrible tragedy in Melancthon go to show that Coulter and his twelve-year-old son, after having dinner went to the barn to do chores. The father killed the boy in the barn with an axe, then went to the house where his wife and seventeen-year-old daughter were washing dinner dishes. Both women were murdered with the axe and fell where they were working. Coulter then went upstairs and took a revolver and aimed for his heart, but the bullet entered lower down. After attempting suicide, he came down stairs and on reaching the floor fell and died from the wound sustained by the revolver shot. It is evident that Coulter wished to destroy all evidence of his bloody work for he had not the bed on fire before shooting himself. A neighbor, who was attracted by the smoke, discovered Coulter dead on the floor and further search revealed the horrible details of the crime. Coulter was a very passionate man and allowed his temper to get beyond his control on many occasions. The only explanation for his act is that he was possibly worrying over the recent sale of his farm and the purchase of another property. The coroner's jury last night brought in a verdict that Coulter was temporarily insane when he committed the murders and suicide.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS

Fine Imposed on Central Supply Association and the Master Plumbers' Association.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—Justice Clute last night fined the Central Supply Association and the Master Plumbers' Association \$10,000 for conspiracy to restrain trade. Individual members of association have yet to be dealt with. In imposing the fine Justice Clute remarked that members of the association deliberately adopted methods by which, without apparently the slightest compunction, they took from that portion of the public who happened to be interested, money to which they had no possible claim—no more claim than any person meeting another upon the street and by force robbing him of what he had.

Thirteen members of the association pleaded guilty to conspiracy after the imposition of the fine on the two associations.

RECORD SHIPMENTS.

More Than Twenty-Four Thousand Tons of Ore Sent From Boundary Mines.

Phoenix, Dec. 9.—This week's ore shipments from Boundary mines are the greatest so far ever made, in seven days. They are as follows: Granby mines to Granby smelter, 17,773 tons; Brooklyn—Stemwinder to Dominion Copper smelter, 1,736 tons; Rawhide to Dominion Copper smelter, 430 tons; Sunset to Dominion Copper smelter, 489 tons; Emma to Nelson smelter, 90 tons; Providence to Trail smelter, 2,000 tons; Skylark to Granby smelter, 20 tons; total for the week, 24,163 tons; total for the year to date, 857,907 tons.

Boundary's three smelters this week treated as follows: Granby smelter, 18,258 tons; R. C. Copper smelter, 2,000 tons; Dominion Copper Co. smelter, 2,746 tons. Total treatment for the week, 23,014 tons; total for the year to date, 874,389 tons.

SEIZED BY GERMANS.

Alleged Deserter Taken Away a Prisoner of the Gunboat Panther.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The Brazilian ambassador in this city has received a telegram from the Brazilian minister of foreign affairs stating that a few days ago several of the officers of the German gunboat Panther went ashore in civilian dress at a small fishing town called Itajai, in the state of Santa Catarina, and there seized a man by the name of Steinhoff who had left his native country, Germany, as a deserter from the army, and took him with them as a prisoner on the Panther, which vessel then left Itajai. Three Brazilian cruisers were sent to watch the Panther and see that no similar occurrence should again happen while the Brazilian government made an official protest against the action of these officers to the German government.

THE HERRING EXPERT.

Mr. Coyle Will Report to Government Obstruction Placed on B. & N. Railway Line.

Nanaimo, Dec. 9.—Mr. Coyle, the herring expert, will leave on Monday for Ottawa to make his report to the Dominion government, after which he will leave for Scotland, where he acts as expert for some of the largest fishing companies there. The three Scotch lassies, Misses Woods, Gault and Campbell, who have been assisting in demonstrations, will also leave Monday for their home in Scotland. There were originally six girls in the party, but three of them fell victims to the woeings of Nova Scotia fishermen. Mr. Coyle stated this morning that the Nanaimo herring would compare favorably with any he had seen anywhere. While not so large as the Old Country herring, in flavor and other ways they were their equals. There was a very heavy run of herring last night, some of the boats catching as high as fifteen tons.

Obstruction on Track.

Some evil-minded persons placed obstructions on the E. & N. tracks last night just out of the city limits. With the evident intention of wrecking the train. They were removed before any damage resulted. There is no trace of the culprits.

MURDERED IN COURTHOUSE.

Young Negroess Stabbed by Negro Whom She Has Summoned For Assault.

New York, Dec. 9.—Elsie Parker, a young negroess, was stabbed to death to-day at the doorway of the court room where she had come to secure justice and by the man whom she had summoned there for punishment. She fell and died within full view of the court room with policemen within a few feet of her, and, indeed, only a few seconds after a policeman had once rescued her from the hands of the man who killed her.

This man was Williams, a colored youth, who was infuriated at her because she charged him with beating and assaulting. He had been living with her up to the middle of this week, when they had a quarrel. The Parker woman was 23 years old and Williams is 19. They met on the steps of the West Side police court in West 54th street. Arriving there simultaneously for the hearing, Williams begged the woman to withdraw the complaint, but she apparently refused, for a policeman saw them scuffling on the steps. He separated the pair, but thinking the quarrel to be an ordinary street brawl, ordered the pair away and paid no further attention to them. The youth went immediately into the court corridor, where he hid near the open door of the court room. When the woman passed his hiding place Williams grabbed her arm and whispered a few words to her. She replied in a low voice, and immediately the youth drew an open knife from his pocket and struck her over the heart. She stumbled toward the court room door, where she fell and died within three minutes. The court, which was thrown into an uproar, immediately suspended. Williams was arrested.

"What'd de ol' deacon do?" "Prayin' fer a 'nigger's' turkey." "Reckon he'll get it?" "Well, it's 'realdy' fer now 'nigh de turkey roasts!"—Atlanta Constitution.

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Big to announce to the ladies and gentlemen of Victoria West that they have made arrangements with W. J. Robertson, Druggist, Esq., to hold a series of lectures, commencing Monday, Dec. 11th, regarding treatment of the Hair and Scalp. They respectfully invite everyone to call and consult with them. Come and see the Long, Beautiful Hair grown by the use of the SEVEN SUTHERLAND SISTERS' HAIR GROWING OIL AND HAIR AND SCALP CLEANER. Canadian Head Office, 11 Colborne Street, Toronto. J. H. Bailey, Foreign Manager.

BALFOUR'S SPEECH.

Makes a Plea For Unity During the Election Campaign.

Manchester, Dec. 9.—Arthur J. Balfour, now the leader of the opposition party in the United Kingdom, opened the campaign in a stirring speech before his Manchester constituents to-day. With the utmost frankness the former premier explained the resignation of his government was on the ground of expediency showing that the step had been carefully considered for some time and that it was evidently contemplated by Mr. Balfour during the greater part of the year. Balfour defended the action of the Unionist government in its retention of office on the ground that it was essential to wait until the Anglo-Japanese treaty was finally concluded and other necessary features of the government programme were carried out. This had been done with the exception of the distribution bill, an outline of which had been given to parliament, but divisions within the Unionist party led the government to the conclusion that it would be impossible at present to carry out a measure which demanded absolute unity.

Without going at any length into the probable platform of the Liberals, the former premier poked fun at the Liberal protest against being forced to accept office and ridiculed the efficacy of a party composed of so many factions. He laid the lash of sarcasm on to avoid making home rule the leading issue and said whether or not they were ashamed of it, home rulers were here and home rulers they would remain.

Mr. Balfour plainly indicated that the Unionist attack would be centered on the home rule record of the Liberals, while the Unionists would use their own record at home, foreign and colonial policies as their bulwark of defence.

He challenged the Liberals on the issue of Chinese labor in South Africa. Here the former premier became severely denunciatory, he said the Liberals had won by elections by unscrupulous disregard of the truth. "Let us forget if we can," he said, "the programme by which they endeavored to blacken our political life provided that when they are in a responsible position they do not kindle a feeling among the colonies, which, believe me, if once kindled, will not be easily extinguished."

Mr. Balfour made a strong plea for unity during the elections. He hoped that the new administration when it handed back the reins to the Unionists would be able to point to a record equally creditable to the country. He predicted the failure of the Liberals to carry out their programme, which he understood was the upsetting of many things accomplished by the Unionists, but he hoped they would stick to their resolution to follow the lines of foreign policy of the Unionist government.

The meeting concluded with the passing of a vote of confidence in Mr. Balfour, whereupon the former prime minister, responding, said he had much to say concerning the Unionist and Liberal programme, but that he would reserve it for a more fitting occasion. He declared he intended to lead the opposition through the campaign.

"The party elected me its leader, and I propose to carry out the great mission entrusted to my hands," he said. "I am perfectly confident that from all sections of the party, be the minor differences what they may I shall receive that support which I have never wanted for in the past."

Throughout his speech Mr. Balfour made no reference to Joseph Chamberlain or his financial policy.

CABINET COMPLETED.

King Edward Will Receive the Liberal Premier at Buckingham Palace.

London, Dec. 9.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman having completed his cabinet, the King will return to London to-morrow and receive the premier at Buckingham Palace. Mr. Bannerman will give his formal approval of the ministry. The members of the Balfour cabinet will give up their seats of office at a private council meeting to be held Monday, and their successors will take over the seats on Monday afternoon. The composition of the new ministry will be officially given out on Monday, when the list called to the Associated Press early this morning will be found to be substantially correct.

DEATH OF SIR R. C. JEBB.

London, Dec. 9.—Sir Richard Claverhouse Jebb, regius professor of Greek and member of parliament (Conservative) for Cambridge University, is dead.

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WEATHER BULLETIN:

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria
Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 11—5 a. m.—The barometer, which has been abnormally high over the Pacific slope, is gradually falling, and stormy weather is reported on the Washington coast. Eight inches of snow has fallen in Caribou, and from the Rockies to Manitoba the weather is fair and comparatively mild.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Tuesday.
Victoria and vicinity—Easterly to southerly winds, partly cloudy and milder, followed by showers.
Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, mostly cloudy and milder, followed by rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 43; minimum, 42; wind, S. miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.
New Westminster—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 40; minimum, 40; wind, S. miles E.; weather, cloudy, fog.
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.88; temperature, 24; minimum, 24; wind, calm; snow.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, 47; minimum, 45; winds, 4 miles N. E.; weather, clear.
Edmonton—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, 34; minimum, 32; wind, S. miles N. W.; rain, trace; weather, cloudy.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle—Saturday—A. Grant, R. Stetz, E. Jones, W. J. McDonald, Mrs. McDonald, C. P. Procher, E. Brown, J. Benner, A. Hackett, F. J. Toddman, E. Munro, Mrs. W. J. Gray, A. G. McDonald, H. B. Moore, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Madigan, J. A. Brown, H. J. Geake, Jr., A. L. Geake, R. B. Snowden, Mrs. Snowden, Mrs. J. Golding, Mrs. C. M. Conyers, F. Shafter, C. L. Carson, W. R. Dixon, A. Campbell, M. D. Stevens, A. L. Holch, Mrs. R. Ruder.
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COMMISSIONER COOMBS.

Commander-in-Chief of the Salvation Army Will Arrive Here To Night.

Commissioner Coombs, commander-in-chief of all-Canadian Salvation Army forces, will arrive here to-night on the steamer from Vancouver, where he delivered his lecture in the social work of the Salvation Army in the city hall yesterday afternoon, and addressed a large meeting last night. The commissioner is accompanied by Brigadier Simeon and Major Rawling. He will be met by the acting premier, Hon. R. P. Green, at the C. P. R. wharf, and from there will be taken to the Salvation Army hall on Broad street, where a lecture will be delivered by the commissioner. The local corps, including the brass band, will meet the commissioner and give him a Salvation Army welcome. The Salvation Army hall has been beautifully decorated for the occasion, and a large attendance is expected. Sir H. Joly de Lotbiniere will occupy the chair at the meeting. Hon. R. P. Green, Mr. Peabody, representing the American consul, Salvation Army officers and others will also be on the platform. The doors will open at 7.15 p. m., and as a large attendance is expected, those wishing good seats are advised to be at the hall early.

"I suppose they thought it was my husband," said a cynical woman who was asked at Tower Bridge, London, police court, why no one came to her assistance when a man struck her and snatched her purse.

ESQUIMALT LIBERAL ASSOCIATION MEET

Well Attended Gathering Complimented
Ralph Smith M. P. on His Work—
Officers Elected For Year.

The Liberal Association of Esquimalt district held its annual meeting in the school house at Colwood on Saturday evening. This association is now one of the most flourishing in the province, as was shown by the splendid attendance at the meeting and the large list of members.

The annual report showed that whereas last year there were only 65 members, that this list had been increased to 160, which was augmented by 28 additional names being handed in at the meeting.

The report referred to the splendid services which had been rendered the district by Ralph Smith, M. P., the member in the Dominion House of Commons. Stress was laid on the fact that Mr. Smith had ever shown a readiness to take up every question which was called to his attention and have it promptly dealt with.

Among the questions which had been initiated by the association were mentioned, the amendments of the Shipping Statute, the removal of the reserve upon Esquimalt harbor and the action with respect to the Pure Seed Bill. It was also pointed out that the request first made by the association for an experimental farm for Vancouver Island had been followed with satisfactory results and it was promised that provision would be made for it.

SMELTER TO BE ENLARGED.

B. C. Copper Company Decide Upon Improvements—Three Blast Furnaces to Be Added.

The directors of the British Columbia Copper Co., Ltd., owning the Mother Lode group of mines and the smelter near Greenwood, have made definite announcement of the letting of contracts for the enlargement of the reduction work of the company, says a Phoenix dispatch.

Three new blast furnaces have been contracted for, 48x240 inches hearth area, with a capacity of from 500 to 600 tons each per day, being the largest in Canada. Charging will be done from side-dumping cars which will be hauled by trolley locomotives, and molten slag will be hauled away from the furnaces by electric locomotives in cars of 25 tons capacity each. Each slag car will be provided with an electric motor for tilting the car.

Three large blowers have been contracted for, and will be driven by three 300 h. p. motors. In addition to these motors a 100 h. p. motor generator will be installed, together with several smaller motors.

At the smelter the ore bins will be practically reconstructed and made ten feet higher, thus greatly increasing their capacity, and the entire bins will be elevated to correspond. The ore will be hauled from the bins to the furnaces and the slag from the furnaces to the waste dump by five trolley locomotives. There will also be installed at the smelter a complete machine shop, with all necessary tools.

At the company's Mother Lode mine, Deadwood camp, it has been decided to substitute electrical power for the steam-driven compressor, and for the purpose a 500 h. p. motor has been contracted for and also three 50 k. w. step-down transformers will be located at the mine. The ore crushers will be driven by the motors now in service at the smelter, and they will be replaced there by a larger machine.

Among the smelter improvements will be a new track scale of greater capacity than that now in use there, and it is the announced intention of the company to push forward construction work on the enlargements as fast as weather conditions will permit.

NOTICES TO NAVIGATORS.

Issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

The following notes made by the chief engineer of the department of marine and fisheries during a visit to Barkley Sound on the 11th and 12th October, 1905, are published for the information of mariners:

There is a salmon canning establishment on the north shore of the Chehalis river, immediately west of Cascade river. Anderson's wharf, inside Canoe land, has fallen down, and should be removed from the chart. A whaling station has been established about one cable to the westward of the site formerly occupied by Anderson's wharf. It shows several conspicuous buildings from seaward, and there is a good wharf at it.



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TO PRESERVE SEALS.

Old Subject Still Before the American Government—Correspondent Regarding Capt. McLean.

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The state department officials would be glad to see an agreement prohibiting pelagic sealing in all parts of Behring Sea throughout the year, but the difficulty of bringing about such an arrangement is fully understood. It would involve not only a general understanding on the part of all maritime nations, but the adoption of specific legislation and the enforcement of regulations thereunder by the United States, Great Britain, Russia and Japan, as all four countries have an important interest in this phase of the case. The Russian government, it is believed, would be glad to agree to such a proposition for the protection of the seals on the Commander Islands. The guarding of the Russian seal heard has proven a very costly undertaking during the past year or two, and sanguinary encounters between the Russian guards and Japanese poachers have been reported every few weeks since the beginning of hostilities in the Russo-Japanese war.

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BRITAIN'S NEW GOVERNMENT.

The most pronounced fact respecting the composition of the Liberal government is that it is "mainly Scotch." Whether that fact will commend it to the people of the sister kingdoms and call forth an additional display of the large spirit of tolerance which is one of the most pronounced political characteristics of the population south of the Tweed has yet to be determined. Another prominent fact is the recognition which has been bestowed upon the radical elements of the Liberal party in the formation of the ministry of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. The population of Great Britain, in spots, is becoming quite advanced in its political opinions; and it is quite right and proper that the thinkers who lead their fellows should be given representation in the government.

The conservative elements have had their innings. It has been a somewhat longer spell than usual. The latter portion of the term was productive of some measures that were more reactionary than progressive. It is now high time that the hands of the timepiece of progress were moved forward a trifle. An administration has been formed which will act in harmony with the evident sentiments of the people generally.

Whether the life of the government shall be long or short must depend upon the degree of strength its members display when their talents are put to a real test as well as upon the capacity for leadership exhibited by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. In all frankness it must be admitted that the Liberal leader's career thus far has not been impressive. He appears to lack the qualities which in Mr. Balfour throw so many serious defects completely into the background. However, Sir Henry is about to be given a real chance to demonstrate the quality of his mettle.

There is a tradition in connection with British politics that the Liberals are strong in domestic affairs and the Conservatives most to be relied upon in cases of foreign crises. At the present time the political situation at home is very far from satisfactory. The Nonconformists of England have been roused to the greatest activity and hostility by the school legislation of the late government, which they regarded as putting altogether too much power into the hands of the Established Church.

Every section of Great Britain and Ireland has been stirred to its depths by the fiscal reforms proposed by Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, a policy the late Premier is suspected of sympathizing with very deeply.

The Home Rulers of Ireland claim that they drove the last nail in the coffin of the Balfour government; and that no government of the future can exist unless it consents to view with favor the proposition to grant Ireland legislative independence—a very indefinite term, and fraught with deep significance for the future of the British Empire considering the apparent temper of the Irish leaders.

It is, therefore, apparent that if the Liberals have hitherto proved themselves the more adroit and the more effective managers of domestic affairs, the government of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman must needs possess all the talents to meet the situation

demanding its attention. Admittedly there is much strong material in the cabinet. The names of nearly all the members of the government are familiar to those who take an interest in the affairs of the Mother Country. John Burns, with all his pronounced radicalism, is one of the coolest-headed and most reasonable men in the country. Lloyd-George is a somewhat ebullient reformer, noted in the past for the violence with which he laid down his "political propositions." There are other advanced political thinkers in the administration, but they will probably be found very effectively held in check by the careful, conservative element, which effectively dominates the government.

Withal it is doubtful whether the ability and experience and caution of Sir Edward Grey, John Morley, James Bryce, H. H. Asquith, H. J. Gladstone, coupled with the shrewd, calculating diplomacy of Lord Aberdeen, will be sufficient to insure a prolonged life for the government. There are weaknesses in its composition which are apt to create a doubt whether it will secure an effective working majority on an appeal to the country. A government to carry on in Great Britain and to administer affairs with an eye single to the true welfare of the country should be independent of all political wings and factions. This the Campbell-Bannerman administration can hardly hope to be.

STILL HARPING ON RECIPROCITY

President Roosevelt in his message to Congress said something ought to be done to bring about more intimate trade relations between the United States and the other countries of the American continent. The president made no specific reference. He probably meant exactly what he said, and considered the trade of other American republics and dependencies of quite as much value to the Americans as that of Canada. But we observe that most of the American public men who take up the subject pay more attention to the case of Canada than to that of any of the southern republics. The manufacturers of the United States at a meeting held in Chicago have called the attention of Congress to the remarkable development of our industries, and have suggested that something be done to counteract the tendencies of the times. It is asserted that fifty million dollars' worth of manufacturing establishments have been lost to the United States within the past few years because of the superior attractions of the markets on this side of the line and the superior advantages our manufacturers enjoy. The situation, it is pointed out, calls for the passage of reciprocity measures. And Congress is urged to take action of some kind. Unfortunately for the position of American manufacturers, the conditions are eminently satisfactory to Canadians. And as Canadians must be a party to any contract involving a modification of the conditions in order that their neighbors may profit by the change, we submit that any radical departure from the programme that is working so satisfactorily from our point of view must necessarily be preceded by extended "four parlers." It is extraordinary how very indifferent we can be now to the various movements our neighbors originate for the purpose of securing reciprocity of trade in certain lines—lines, we also note, in which they are obviously the losers by which they hope to be the gainers if they can only bring about a change in this policy. There was a time when the conditions were just the reverse of what they are now. But the matter is scarcely worth notice. Congress acts slowly in such matters. And Canada is indifferent, whether Congress acts at all or not. Canadian agricultural interests admit that reciprocity with the United States—that is, a full measure of reciprocity, not a lop-sided arrangement designed principally for the benefit of particular American interests—would be a fairly good thing for them. They would welcome a fair measure of the right kind; but the agricultural interests recognize that it is next to impossible to secure an arrangement that would be of benefit to them without granting concessions that would be all but fatal to other industries. Hence they do not press their case.

The situation in Russia is not improving. Anarchy is running riot in all the provinces now. The spirit of revolt has seized upon the armies in the Far East, so that the revolutionary circle is complete. What the Czar is doing to convince his people of the genuine character of the reforms he proposes, to grant is not apparent. In fact, the presence of the Czar in the country, not to speak of the situation, is not apparent. A few months ago he was an absolute ruler. Now that he has for the first time been confronted with a situation demanding the qualities of a statesman and a ruler—some of the qualities his ancestors could exercise when called upon, although perhaps qualities which would scarcely be tolerated in this generation—the Czar of all the Russias shuts himself up and transfers all responsibility to his Prime Minister, recently selected.

The British war office is going to remove its forces from Bermuda also. Now we wonder what the Bermudians have been doing to invite such treatment? Or is the decision in harmony with the government policy of Imperial defence?

The special correspondent of the London Times in Vienna writes that the rapidity with which the Czar's concession of a constitution reacted upon the Socialist workmen of Vienna has strengthened the feeling that Austria may soon have to reckon with a democratic upheaval analogous to that which is convulsing the Russian Empire. It is quite evident, he says, that the many thousand workmen who crowded the Ringstrasse to celebrate the Russian revolution and make a demand for universal suffrage in Austria, would not have turned out at a moment's notice unless they had been highly organized and thoroughly under control. The Socialist spokesmen demanded that the Emperor of Austria should grant to his subjects the universal suffrage of which the King of Hungary is supposed to approve, and this utterance was received with an enthusiasm which showed how grateful it was to the mob. Promises of renewed demonstrations and veiled threats of a general strike were also eagerly welcomed and unanimously approved. The signs, he adds, are abundant that unless the government hastens to prepare a large measure of suffrage reform, Vienna will soon be the scene of a serious popular movement. Hungary, he thinks, is less accessible to outside influence, but there, too, the significance of the popular demand for universal suffrage is unmistakable.

Prof. Edgar L. Larkin, writing in the Scientific American, and referring to the attractions of a great body which is invisible to finite eyes by the means of finite instruments, says that the universe has a finite character of such length that light moving with a known velocity of 186,000 miles per second to traverse it. But it matters little whether the edifice of stars is larger or smaller than this, the astounding fact is here—the star is moving with this frightful speed. And this motion has a mighty cause equal to the occasion. The quantity of matter capable of exerting this intensity of attraction is so far beyond the powers of mind, that there is no use beginning to think about it. Only one hundred million suns appear on the photographs of the entire celestial vault. Therefore, the visible universe is so utterly insignificant in comparison with the invisible that mathematicians are overwhelmed.

The Colonist has copied much ancient relations of Archbishop Langevin with the political leaders in Saskatchewan. Did the following from the mouth of the celebrated ecclesiastical dignitary escape our contemporary's attention: "I never had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Scott, nor did I ever write to him or have any understanding with him, how could I then make a compact? In politics I know nothing outside of the Imperial pledges which are founded on principles guaranteeing the individual liberty of every British subject the world over. My friend Mr. Haultain, when he dreamed of such a compact, was certainly under the influence of a nightmare."

We very much fear Nicholas of Russia is not winning the golden opinions of William of Germany. It is altogether probable the Kaiser would welcome an uprising of some kind just that he might have the opportunity of showing his brothers in purple how to handle such a "contretemps."

PERSONAL

Mrs. John Hall has arrived home after a five months' tour, having crossed both ways on the fine palatial White Star steamship Baltic. Miss Muriel Hall, accompanied her mother, and rendered several piano recitals in the Old Country before well known musical critics, who predicted a bright future for her. Miss Hall remained behind to take a course of piano studies at the Toronto College of Music, conducted by Dr. Yerington. Mr. Wellman, who gave a recital here last summer, is on the staff of teachers. Miss M. Hall was a graduate from Miss S. F. Smith's studio.

Jack Medland, scenic artist at the Watson theatre, was taken suddenly ill at the theatre on Friday night, and Saturday was removed to the Jubilee hospital, when it was found necessary for him to undergo an operation today. Mr. Medland is considered one of the best scenic artists in the West, and has painted all the scenery used in the different productions at the Watson theatre.

Chas. Anderson, of Montreal; C. N. Lodge, of Indianapolis; R. F. Townsend, of Resland; Hon. F. Carter-Cotton, Fred. Richardson and E. W. Stark, of Vancouver, are in the city. They are guests at the Briard hotel.

Dr. G. S. Perry, of Dunsmuir, has left for a tour of the Mediterranean Sea. He will travel via San Francisco and New York.

P. Harold and wife, of Dunsmuir; J. C. Williams, of Portland, Ore.; and P. Felix, of Seattle, are at the Victoria.

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The Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Association will meet in the city hall on Tuesday at 8 p. m.

In the schoolroom of the Metropolitan Methodist church to-morrow evening the Metropolitan Mission Circle will give an entertainment. Songs will be contributed by Gideon Hicks and Mrs. Reed, and recitations by Miss Underhill.

The postponed address on the culture and pruning of roses by A. Olson, under the auspices of the Victoria Horticultural Society, will be given to-morrow night in the St. William Wallace hall, Broad street, commencing at 8.30 o'clock. All interested in the culture of flowers are cordially invited to attend.

The regular review of Queen Alexandra Hiv, No. 11, L. O. T. M., will be held in the Knights of Pythias hall, commencing at 8 o'clock this evening. Two candidates will be initiated, after which the annual election of officers will take place. Other business of importance is on the tapis, and a full attendance is requested.

The Bank of British North America is establishing a branch bank in Duncan under the management of A. W. Hamilton of the local institution, staff, who has long been a resident of Victoria, and is favorably known by the business community of this city. Temporary quarters for the branch in Duncan have been secured in the store of Pitt & Peterson.

A bazaar will be held by the Ladies' Guild of St. Mark's church on Wednesday afternoon. For several weeks the ladies have been making preparations for the event with the result that a large quantity of articles, both fancy and useful, has been collected, and will be offered for sale. There will be high tea in the evening, the bazaar commencing at 3 o'clock. The whole event has been arranged to add the church fund and assurances of support have been forthcoming of a character to guarantee its success.

In another column of to-day's Times is a report of the annual meeting of the Liberal Association of the Esquimalt district, the membership of the organization is given as 160. The secretary has discovered that the membership was really 248. With the members whose names were handed in on Saturday night the total membership is now 276.

A fire broke out in the boiler house of A. J. Woodard's nursery, Fairfield road, this morning, destroying part of the roof and spreading to one end of a big green house, before those on the premises got it under control. The fire department responded to a call for assistance, and did good service, although the blaze was well in hand by the time it arrived. The damage amounted to about \$25.

Miss Evelyn Marden, of Seattle, is spending a few days with Mrs. Wallace Langley, of this city.

Victoria Hive, No. 1, Ladies' of the Maccabees, will hold its regular review to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock sharp. All members are asked to attend.

The Margherita Mandolin Club will hold a rehearsal in the Y. M. C. A. hall to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. All members are urgently requested to attend.

The B. C. Natural History Society will hold their regular fortnightly meeting this evening in their own rooms at 8 o'clock. Important business will come up for consideration.

H. Wright, of New York; James Fowler, of Seattle; J. G. Galt, of C. H. Hewitt, R. H. Zavitz, A. McLeod, J. Kendall, J. F. Ward, G. Van Horne, C. Lew and H. Mayne Daly, of Vancouver, E. Jones, of Brockville, Ont., are guests at the King Edward hotel.

THE FLOCKMASTERS

Annual Dinner on Saturday Night at Duncan's Was a Very Successful Affair.

Another very successful banquet must be credited to the Vancouver Island Flockmasters' Association. It was held at the Quamichan hotel, Duncan, on Saturday night, and was attended by a large number of guests. W. H. Hayward was an ideal chairman, and among those present were Hon. R. F. Green, chief commissioner of lands and works, and John Evans, the member for the district.

The banquet was followed by the usual loyal toasts, after which the health of the army and navy was proposed. Capt. Barkley responded in his usual hearty manner. Mr. Evans sang "The Red, White and Blue" in a stirring style. Hon. Mr. Green spoke glowingly of the development and prosperity of the province in response to the toast "Dominion and Provincial Parliaments." Mr. Evans, M. P. for Cowichan, also spoke in response to this toast. The toast "The Natural Interests of B. C." was responded to by J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, who referred to the splendid showing made by Cowichan district at the New Westminster exhibition. Other toasts were proposed and responded to by the chairman, Mr. Hadwen and Reeve Davis. "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem terminated a very enjoyable function.

FOUR FUNERALS.

Remains of Joshua Falls Laid at Rest Yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon the remains of Joshua Falls were laid at rest, the funeral taking place from the residence of W. F. McCulloch, Port street, to Christ Church cathedral. Impressive services were conducted by Rev. Canon Beaulieu, members of the Pacific Club and of the local Masonic Order were present in large numbers as a last token of respect to the memory of their late comrade. There were many floral tributes. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. Scott, Godson, Janlon, Bennett, Miller and Kingham.

The remains of James Morrison were interred yesterday, the funeral taking place from the family residence, Port street. Services were conducted by the Past Chief Ranger Greenwood, of Court Vancouver, A. O. F., of which deceased was a member. Those who acted as pallbearers follow: W. McKay, E. Carne, S. Wilson, R. Murrant, M. Dodd and E. T. Yarwood.

The funeral of William Kiel, aged 3 years, took place from his parents' residence, 4 First street, yesterday. Rev. E. G. Miller officiated at St. Barnabas' church and at the grave, while the following acted as pallbearers: W. Mackie, S. Shark, R. Heater, W. McGary, S. Deaville and J. Hammond.

On Saturday afternoon the funeral of Rev. D. Jennings was held at rest, the funeral taking place from the family residence, Burnside road. After brief services at the house by Rev. Dr. Whittington the cortege proceeded to the Metropolitan Methodist church, where a very impressive service was conducted by Revs. S. J. Thompson, D. Whittington, J. P. Hicks, R. J. McIntyre and G. K. B. Adams. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. N. Shakespeare, W. J. Dempsey, E. Nicholas, S. Tranter and W. H. Gillson.

NOTES FROM DUNCANS.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

A branch of the Bank of British North America has been opened for business.

The King's Daughters held their annual sale of work on Saturday afternoon, which was followed by a concert and dance in the evening, at which there was a good attendance.

Rev. G. K. B. Adams is announced to deliver his popular lecture entitled "Grip and Get" in the Odd Fellows' hall on Tuesday evening, December 12th.

PREMIER SCOTT'S CHALLENGE.

(Associated Press.)

Regina, Dec. 11.—Public interest, not merely in this city, but throughout Saskatchewan, is centered in the meeting at the city hall to-night, at which Premier Scott challenges Mr. Haultain to submit any evidence he may possess in proof of his assertions as to any collusion, arrangement or understanding existing between him (Premier Scott) and Archibald Macdonald. It is certain that the city hall will not accommodate more than a third of those who will desire to hear them.

The steamship Henley arrived from Santa Rosalia this morning, and immediately entered dock for a cleaning and painting.

Whirled to death by a pulley is the horrible manner in which M. O. Kylio, a young Norwegian, of Jackson, Minn., met his death while at work in the lower part of the E. K. Wood mill, Bellingham, Friday night. The man's head was battered to a pulp, one arm was terribly mangled, and his chest laid open to the bone.

HARVEST GATHERED BY THE GRIM REAPER

Number of Well-Known Victorians Have Passed Away.—Daniel Fowler Adams Among Them.

One of Victoria's best known pioneers passed away yesterday in the person of Daniel Fowler Adams, who died at the family residence, George road. Mr. Adams was 75 years of age and a native of Greenwich, King's county, N. B. Having come to this city in 1858 he witnessed its growth from infancy to its present condition, and has always taken the greatest confidence in the future of the capital of British Columbia. When the gold fever assailed so many of those residing in the West during the early '60's, Mr. Adams, like the majority, sold out all his local interests and started off for the Cariboo. He was more or less successful, and returned after some years of life in the interior to Victoria. Since then he has spent most of his life here, having followed the vocation of a contractor, in which capacity he constructed many bridges and public works in different parts of British Columbia. Mr. Adams, naturally, is very well known, and his loss will be deeply deplored. He leaves a widow and four sons—Charles (residing in Roseland), Frederick, John, George—and one daughter—Mrs. Davidson, of Vancouver. The funeral has not yet been announced.

James Colbert, a son of John Colbert, the plumber, passed away at the family residence, Stanley avenue, this morning. He was exceedingly popular among a host of acquaintances, and his loss will be deeply mourned. The sympathy of the entire community is accorded the relatives in their sore bereavement. Mr. Colbert was 23 years old and a native of Victoria. The circumstances surrounding his death are peculiarly sad. A little more than a year ago he was one of a party of campers who established their summer headquarters at a rather damp spot upon the banks of the Gorge. Tents were not struck until well into the autumn, and the result was Mr. Colbert contracted a severe cold. He never recovered, declining into consumption, to which dread disease he finally succumbed. He was an electrician, having been in the employ of the J. A. Hinton Company for four or five years. He leaves four sisters and three brothers, besides his parents, to mourn his loss. The funeral will not be announced until his father, who is now visiting the West Coast, returns.

Early yesterday morning Mrs. Jane Harriet Waller, wife of Henry Waller, passed away at the family residence, Smythe street (formerly Esquimaux street). She had been suffering from an incurable malady for two years. The late Mrs. Waller was a native of Dublin, Ireland, and was nearly sixty years old. She came to Victoria many years ago, and for some time was actively associated with the work of the ladies branch of Oddfellows. She leaves a husband and three sons—Charles, Ernest and Fred. The funeral will take place from the family residence to-morrow afternoon at 1.30 o'clock, and half an hour later at the Victoria West Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Christie mourn the loss of their infant daughter, Pauline. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock from the family residence, Cadboro Bay road. Rev. Mr. Adams will conduct the services.

George Mitchell, died this morning at his residence, Store street. He was fifty years of age, and a native of Greece. The remains were removed to Hahn's undertaking parlors, Yates street. Notice of the funeral will be given later.

The infant son of William Duncan, No. 5 Clarke street, died this morning under distressing circumstances. The babe was born dead, and, it is said, from an overdose of patent medicine. The case has been reported to Coroner Hart, who has issued a warrant for an inquest to be held to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. In this connection the properties of the patent medicine will be a matter for consideration, and its constituents will be ascertained. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents.

The death occurred yesterday morning of James Ballard, an inmate of the Home For the Aged and Infirmed. He was a native of Londonderry, Ireland, and was 71 years of age. Previous to his arrival in Victoria he had been an able seaman. For the last seven years he had lived at the home. The funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

Yesterday morning at the Jubilee hospital Alexander Neilson, a fisherman, passed away. He was a comparative stranger in Victoria, and as far as can be ascertained leaves no relatives here.

Fire Saturday swept Echo mountain, destroying all buildings except the Mount Lowe observatory and damaging other property, says a Los Angeles dispatch. The loss is \$200,000. Twice the flames threatened Mt. Lowe observatory, but hard work saved the building and its valuable contents. The power house that served the incline railway, the Mt. Lowe extension and the enormous searchlight were destroyed. All the machinery is ruined. The Casino and the railway company's hotel, located about 200 feet apart, caught fire about the same time. Long before the flames reached the settlement the persons who lived there had fled for safety into the hills.

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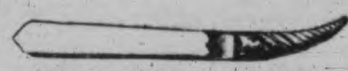
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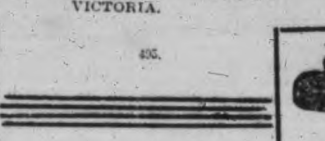


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The check consists of a spike member so mounted pivotally on an attachment to the axle that while the truck is in the upended position the spike may be pressed into contact with the ground and will be held there by the action of a spring, but when the truck handles are lowered to the position for hauling, the same spring pulls the spike upward from contact with the ground and holds it clear. The device is a simple and inexpensive one and has the advantage of being readily applied to existing trucks so that the article may be placed on the market to be purchased by those who desire it but need not form a permanent attachment to the truck.

There's a fascinating little lot of Tiffany glass, in that beautiful iridescent effect, on sale at Weller Bros' china show rooms. It has an extra charm—only one piece, or at most a pair, of each kind; an opportunity to select an exclusive little gift for your particular friend. Weller Bros.

The British steamer Cambrian King, 2215 tons, which has been chartered to bring a cargo of raw sugar from Mauritius to the British Columbia Sugar Refining Company, arrived at her loading port on November 20th.

KEEPING THEM BUSY.

Collins Giving the 'Frisco Court a Merry Time.

This is how the San Francisco Examiner sums up the Collins trial in the Bay City:

Once a man is in jail he becomes an outlaw to all intents and purposes. That is the position of George D. Collins, and it defines his relation to his trial for perjury, now in progress before Judge Lennon and a jury. Therefore, he is free to insult witnesses, sass the court and in a general way create the conditions of a bear garden, because, being already in jail, no further means of discipline remains. The constitution forbids cruel or unusual punishments, however much something with boiling oil in it might fit the crime. Therefore, he bids the minions of the law do their worst, and he will do his.

The usual course is something like this: Collins impugns the veracity of a witness; the impetuous Johnson, Hotspur of the bar, cuts in a lather of exasperation; the court tries to calm the storm; they are all talking at once, and the stenographer is tearing his hair under the task of getting it all down in pothooks and hangers. Of course that is impossible. No man has ever succeeded in reporting a row in a Chinese washhouse.

It happened Thursday after one of these roughhouses that District Attorney Byington suggested in his mild way that something ought to be done to stop it. Judge Lennon looked at him for an instant with a gleam of anger in his eyes, as if he felt much more strongly than Mr. Byington that it ought to be stopped, and then he asked:

"Will you tell me how to stop it?"

Mr. Byington had no answer to the question. Apparently there is no answer. This is a free fight.

Doubtless it is this irrepressible and irresponsible conflict that causes so much interest in the trial. Long before the courtroom open lines of intending spectators gather in the corridors, and there is standing room only during the hearing.

The first witness Thursday was Mrs. Josephine Angell, who was accompanied on the witness stand by her charming little daughter of some two or three years old, a delightful child, who wanted to play with the stenographer.

Mrs. Angell, before her marriage, was cook in the Collins family, and she testified that Mrs. Charlotte Collins was always recognized as the wife of the defendant.

"Who gave you your wages?" asked Collins.

"Mrs. Collins," was the answer. "This party in court here?" pursued Collins, pointing at his wife.

"Yes, sir."

This was rather more polite than Collins' customary manner of speaking of the mother of his children.

Florence Newman, a sister of Mrs. Charlotte Collins, was called to the witness stand. She testified to having been present at the marriage of her sister to Collins in May, 1889. She was asked who was the mother of the Collins children, and the defendant objected to the question, adding that Miss Newman was "a very willing witness" for the prosecution. Then there was trouble.

"The remark of the defendant," said the court, "that the witness was willing to be entirely improper. Your manner," he continued, "addressing Collins directly, 'is somewhat impertinent and seems intended to irritate the court. I want the record to show that the defendant replies in a manner that appears intended to irritate the court. If it continues I'll find a way to stop it if it takes all winter.'"

Collins proceeded to cross-examine the witness. It was difficult to say whether he or the witness was testifying. He proceeded to describe an occasion on which he and some of his friends had driven Miss Newman and Tom Ladd, a young man who was paying her attention, out of his house at the point of a pistol and pursued the fleeing pair down a street. Miss Newman admitted that something of the sort had happened, but denied that there was any occasion for the expulsion and testified that she was released back in the house after a week's absence.

"You are unfriendly to the defendant?" asked Collins.

"I'd like to see you go to San Quentin," was the answer.

William Newman, brother of Mrs. Charlotte Collins, also expressed an ardent desire to have George removed to the state penitentiary.

Local News.

—St. Andrew's Society will meet this evening for the transaction of business. It will be the regular monthly gathering. A concert is expected to be given a week later.

—After securing a crew in Victoria and Vancouver the lumber laden ship Sutez will leave Chemalms for sea to-day. The Reinbe, another lumber carrier, left Esquimalt for Port Townsend this morning and will receive her cargo at Everett.

—Mr. T. E. Burch, chief steward of the Charmer, and Miss M. Westley, of Scotland, were united in wedlock on Tuesday by Rev. W. Leslie Clay. Mr. John McMillan was groomsmen, and Miss F. Bignel acted as bridesmaid. Mr. and Mrs. Burch will reside in Victoria.

—Secretary Northcott, of the Y. M. C. A., reports the following additional subscriptions to the ragged children's dinner fund: J. A. C. \$1; J. A. L. (Duncan), \$1; J. O. W., \$1; M. E. Moore, \$1; O. C. \$5; Mrs. Corbin, \$3; M. F. B. \$5; already acknowledged, \$48.93; Total, \$61.63.

—Following are additional contributions to the Russian relief fund: Rt. Rev. Bishop Orth, \$15; Bishop of Columbia, \$10; Rev. Canon Beauland, \$10; His Worship the Mayor, \$10; P. S. Barnard, \$10; C. A. Holland, \$10; G. Gillespie, \$10; A. J. Galletty, \$5; H. B. McKenzie, \$5; Octavious Field, \$5; Rev. Dr. Campbell, \$2; Geo. Courtney, \$2; W. M. Jones, \$2.50; Hon. Justice Irving, \$5.

—According to address received from the office of the White Pass & Yukon railway, A. B. Newell, vice-president and general manager, having resigned, the position of vice-president is abolished. A. L. Berbee is appointed general manager, with office at Vancouver and Skagway, vice Mr. Newell. The duties of controller will hereafter be assumed by the general manager, and the office is hereby abolished.

—A bazaar and entertainment in aid of the James Bay Sunday school will be held to-morrow. The bazaar opens at 3 p.m. and the entertainment commences at 8 p.m. Mr. Gleason, the Misses Scofield and others will take part in the programme. Refreshments will be served in the afternoon and evening by the ladies of the church. An admission of 10 cents will be charged to the entertainment. All are welcome.

—Christmas Linens.—Since 1828, when flax spinning machinery was first started in Belfast, the product has continually been improved, while its cost has been diminished until linen, beautiful and durable, is within the reach of all. We are well informed as to the sources of supply in Ireland, Scotland, Belgium, France and Germany, and buy in large quantities cheaper—every much cheaper—than smaller dealers possibly can. Sell them at lower prices than equal qualities can usually be procured for. Weller Bros.

—The Dallas hotel. We learn that the above popular and well-known seaside resort is passing from the control of Mr. and Mrs. James Patterson into that of Mr. and Mrs. William Patterson, who have so long been connected with the hotel. Past patrons and those to come will have no complaint to make with regard to the future management of this hotel, which will keep up its well-deserved reputation as being the only first-class hotel on the waterfront. The hotel is to be largely improved for the coming season, and intending guests will find every convenience ready to their hands, including a new English billiard table, which is shortly to be installed.

—Members of the Assembly Club spent a pleasant time at the Fort street hall last evening. There was a large attendance and an excellent musical programme. Arrangements were made for another dance on the 22nd inst., at which the ladies' committee have agreed to supply refreshments.

—The W. C. T. U. will give an entertainment in Institute hall on Tuesday, the 19th. Tableaux illustrating different branches of work will form a part of the programme. In addition to this there will be vocal selections and recitations. The concert is being arranged under the charge of Miss Underhill.

—The value of fine furniture increases as the years pass away. This is especially true of Sheraton and Chippendale styles in inlaid mahogany or satin wood. Some beautiful pieces in these periods have just come to us from a famous maker at Bath, England. Perfect specimens of their types; you should see them. Weller Bros.

—The dance given last evening by the sergeants' mess of the Fifth Regiment was well attended, there being about 200 present. Those in charge had decorated the interior of the drill hall most artistically. Refreshments were dispensed, the music was all that could be desired, and the floor in perfect condition. The affair was voted a splendid success.

—To-night at 8 o'clock the North Ward Municipal Association will meet in the North Ward school. The acquiring of sufficient land for recreation purposes in North Ward, the policy of the association towards municipal candidates in the coming election and the consideration of a report of the special committee on proposed amendments to the Municipal Act will be the business discussed at the meeting.

—This week's series of evangelistic meetings was begun yesterday in First Presbyterian church. The evangelist, Rev. T. A. Rogers, of Toronto, preached an excellent sermon in the morning, and the pastor cleared the decks for action in the evening by answering in a forcible argument in the negative the question: "Is the day of revival past?" His aim was to remove all prejudices against revival of religion, if there are any. Every evening this week Mr. Rogers will hold an evangelistic service in the auditorium of the church at 8 o'clock, preceded by a 15-minute song service by the choir. All are invited to attend the services.

—The Vancouver school board has decided to advertise for a special drawing superior for the Terminal City schools. At a recent meeting the city superintendent explained that up to this year teachers in the province were never required to pass on drawing, this year being the first. Many of the teachers had no knowledge of drawing except what they had picked up. British Columbia had labored under a disadvantage in this respect, as other places had drawing on the teachers' examination papers. The supervisor would give teachers instruction besides looking after the work generally. Mr. Angus stated that in any city the size of Vancouver drawing was of sufficient importance to require a specialist.

—The death occurred of Mary Jane Peters on Friday at the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital. She was a native of Leven, Fifeshire, Scotland, and leaves a number of brothers and sisters to mourn her loss. The following are residents of Victoria: W. H. Peter, Mrs. J. Critchley, Mrs. J. R. Carmichael, Mrs. Hampton, Mrs. B. Beeson and Mrs. D. B. Christopher; also Mrs. S. L. Grant of Rivers Inlet and G. A. Peter of Minnesota. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon from the residence of R. Beeson, No. 84 Pembroke street, at 1.30 o'clock and at 2 o'clock St. Barnabas' church. Impressive services were conducted by Rev. E. G. Miller, assisted by Rev. J. Grundy. The choir was in attendance and a number of appropriate hymns were rendered. The interment took place in the family plot, Cedar Hill cemetery. The following acted as pallbearers: F. Dykes, E. Carlow, F. June, W. B. Christopher, E. Christopher and C. Lawson.

OUTLOOK IN BOUNDARY.
A. B. W. Hodges Says District Is Looking Very Well.
A. B. W. Hodges, manager of the Granby Consolidated Company, when in Nelson a few days ago was interviewed by a representative of the Daily News. In reply to questions as to conditions at the Granby works and in the Boundary district generally he said:

"The Granby company was never in better condition than it is now. The last dividend is a pretty fair indication that we are making a little money. Our properties have been pretty fully reported. I have nothing new to tell about them. Everything is perfectly satisfactory. Grand Forks is not growing rapidly but I think it is steadily becoming more substantially prosperous. There is no attempt to boom it now. The people there now are, I believe, all doing fairly well. The people that used to be there expecting to make fortunes suddenly have gone elsewhere."

"The Boundary district generally is looking very well at present. The properties are all working and sending out good reports. I haven't been up the valley of the north fork of the Kettle river for about a year. Except from other people's reports I don't know anything about recent developments. The most promising camp, in my opinion, in the whole of the Boundary district is the one near Greenwood, which contains the Providence and the Skylark mines. Those properties have numerous veins averaging a foot in width, carrying ore that runs \$100 to the ton. On the whole the mining outlook in Boundary is excellent. With hardly an exception the properties quite justify all that is being done on them, and all that is expected of them."



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